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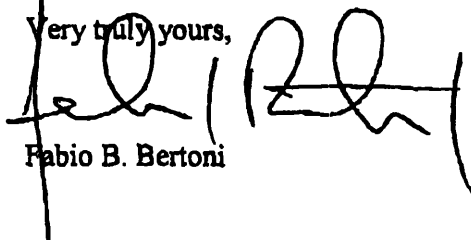
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Re: MUR 5657

Dear Ms. Paoli:

I write in response to the General Counsel's brief in this matter. Mr. Lake stands by the legal arguments and authority set forth in our letter to Bradley A. Smith dated January 18, 2005 in this matter. Mr. Lake denies that he violated any laws or rules regarding federal elections, and respectfully urges that the Commission take no action against him.

Very truly yours,


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